



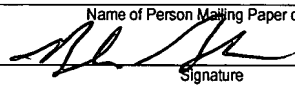
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The following is a Preliminary Amendment, which is being submitted concurrently with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination.

This Preliminary Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated May 13, 2005, which provides for a response period ending August 13, 2005.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.